[9th August 1955

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) *Re* : HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I crave the indulgence of the House for a few moments before we proceed with the business of the day.

" It is with very deep regret that I find it necessary to inform the House of my intention to resign the Speakership and the Membership of this Assembly from the 16th of this month.

" From 1935, I have been a member of this House; and for the last nine years, I have been in office as Speaker with an interval of a few days from 20th April 1952 to 6th May 1952.

" Hon. Members of this House are aware of the reasons that made me resign the Speakership as well as the Membership, as the Governor has already mentioned it in his Address to the House on the 1st August."

9–20 a.m. * THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sure every hon. Member in this House would have received your decision to resign from the Speakership with deeper regret. I intend moving a formal Motion to-morrow to express the great appreciation we have for you and while doing so, I hope, it will be possible for me to give expression, if not in adequate measure, but at least to a certain extent our feelings in this matter. The Motion which I intend moving to-morrow will run as follows :—

'That the thanks of this Assembly be given to Mr. Speaker for his distinguished and outstanding services in the Chair from 1946–55; that he be assured that this Assembly greatly appreciates the zeal, ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of his high office during a period of unusual labour, difficulty and anxiety consequent on the attainment of Independence and ushering in of the new Constitution, and the judgment and firmness with which he has maintained its privileges and dignity; and that this Assembly desires to place on record its deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the courtesy and attention which he has uniformly shown to its Members, which has earned him the respect and esteem of all sections of this Assembly.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" With the approval of the House, the Motion will be taken up to-morrow."

III.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *Re*: PROPOSED RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS IN THE MALABAR SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS, LIMITED, KALLAI, MALABAR.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am forced to bring this important matter before this House because last month there was a notice put up by the management of the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Mills, Ltd., Kallai, Malabar, to retrench 184 workers. The Labour Union representing the workers of these mills tried their level best to come to some agreement with the management but the management is not for any agreement. When the Labour Officer there called a meeting to discuss the matter,